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For: Bristle for a Toothbrush, Particularly for an  
Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its  
Manufacture

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## THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

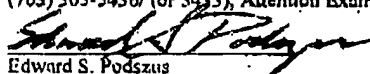
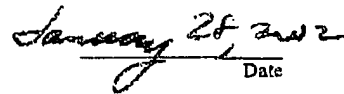
Kindly amend claims 24-62, without prejudice, prior to examination as follows:

N.S. 24. (Amended). A toothbrush bristle and a bristle carrier together forming a toothbrush, said bristle comprising a plastic monofilament defining in a cross-sectional area thereof at least first and second adjoining zones and at least one region of preferred breaking between said first and second zones.

NE. 25. (Amended). The toothbrush as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first zone comprises a first plastic material and the second zone comprises a second plastic material, and wherein said first plastic material differs from said second plastic material.

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